



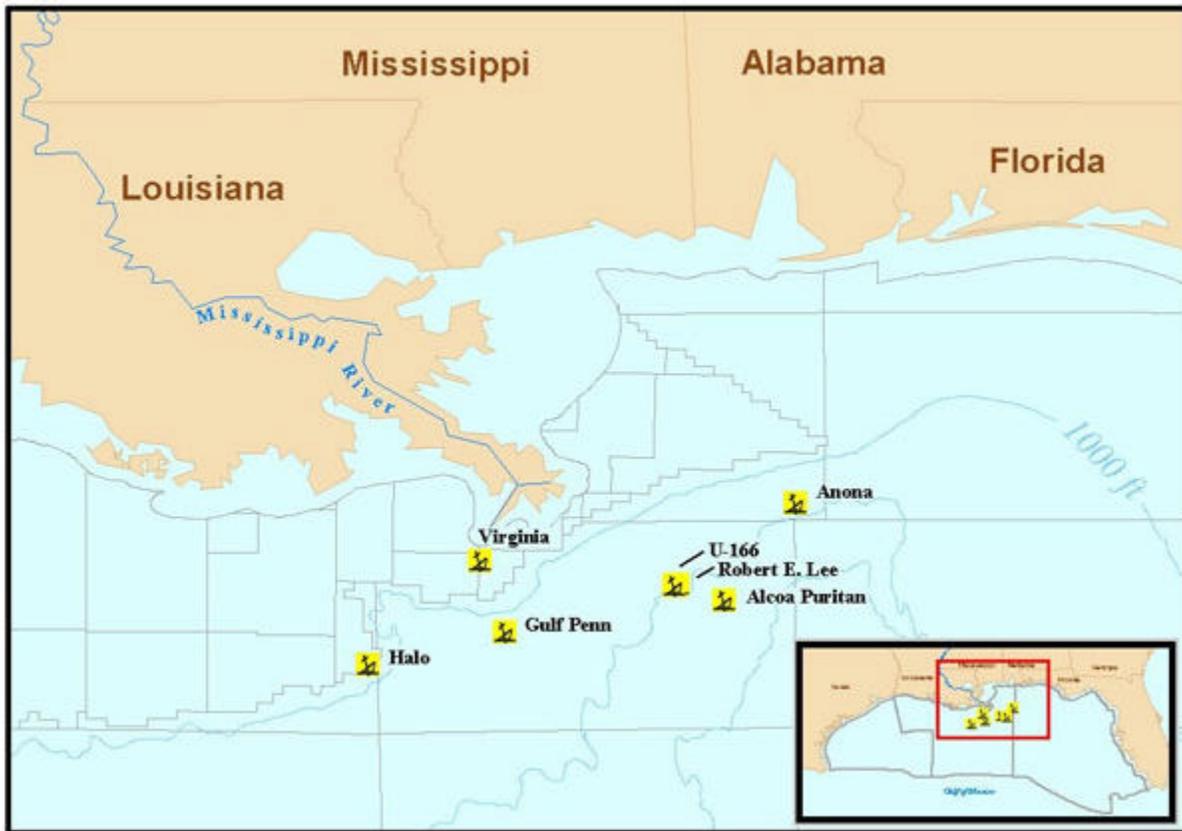
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Location of Vessels Identified



Vessels selected for investigation

Vessel Name	Cargo	Depth in Feet
<i>Anona</i>	Potatoes	4,160
<i>Gulf Penn</i>	Fuel Oil	1,751
<i>Virginia</i>	Gasoline	280
<i>U-166</i>	Military	4,800
<i>Robert E. Lee</i>	Passengers	5,000
<i>Alcoa Puritan</i>	Bauxite	6,500
<i>Halo</i>	Crude Oil	470



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- University of West Florida
- The PAST Foundation
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Related Links

- MMS Rigs to Reefs Program:
<http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/regulate/environ/rigs-to-reefs/information.html>
- MMS Study 73095 summary:
http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/regulate/environ/ongoing_studies/gm/GM-03-07.html
- PAST Foundation:
www.pastfoundation.org
- National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP):
<http://www.nopp.org/>
- NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration:
<http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/>
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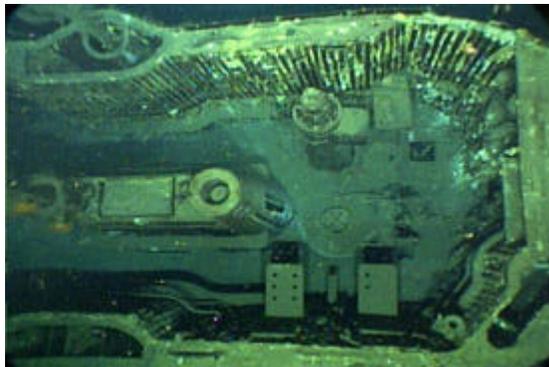
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Images

Interior of the conning tower of the WWII German Submarine U-166



Rusticles from the U-166



A team of biologists will study the "rusticles" that consume steel shipwrecks in deep water. Rusticles are the by-products of microbes that seem to thrive on iron and are slowly destroying such wrecks as the RMS *Titanic*.



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